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AN ORDINANCE TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF
COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTHROP GRUMMAN
CORPORATION AS THE SOLE-SOURCE PROVIDER FOR THE
UPGRADE OF THE CITY'S CURRENT 911 COMPUTER-AIDED
DISPATCH SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

0 **WHEREAS**, the current Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System for the City's 911 Emergency
1 Center was purchased in 1996 from PRC, now a Northrop Grumman Corporation, and is well beyond the
2 time for the system to be upgraded; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, the Information Technology Department has evaluated the status of the system and
4 contacted Northrup Grumman for a system assessment; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, Northrup Grumman has recommended that the main servers be replaced, a server be
6 added at the disaster recovery site, a mirrored system be provided which minimizes potential data loss in
7 the event of a system failure, and the dispatch workstations be upgraded to newer network software; and,

8 **WHEREAS**, Northrop Grumman has submitted a proposal to upgrade the hardware, operating system
9 and database of the current Altaris CAD System in the amount of Four Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand,
0 Twenty Dollars (\$482,020.00) for the network servers and Eighteen Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirteen
1 Dollars (\$18,713.00) for the network software, excluding all applicable taxes; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Northrup Grumman software is proprietary and no other vendor can supply the needed
3 components nor the expertise to provide alternative software configurations; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, because it would be impractical and unfeasible to bid, competitive bidding should be
5 waived and the contract awarded to Northrop Grumman as the sole-source provider of the system upgrade
6 as described above.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**
8 **OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

9 **Section 1.** The Board of Directors finds that competitive bidding should be dispensed with in the
0 upgrading of the CAD System for the City's 911 Emergency Center, as an exceptional situation exists that
1 makes competitive bidding impractical and infeasible, and no other vendor can supply the needed
2 components nor the expertise to provide alternative software configurations.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to dispense with competitive bidding and to enter into a contract with Northrop Grumman for the upgrading of the 911 CAD System in the amount of Four Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, Twenty Dollars (\$482,020.00) for the network servers and Eighteen Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$18,713.00) for the network software, plus all applicable taxes.

Section 3. Funds for this purchase are available from the 911/311 3/8-Cent Capital Projects Account.

Section 4. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision were not originally a part of this ordinance.

Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED: June 3, 2014

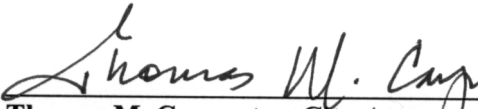
ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Toya Robinson, Assistant City Clerk


Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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